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SUBJECT: SYRIAN PURCHASE OF PASSPORT PAPER

1. A SYRIAN FIRM, NAZIR HADAYA, THROUGH AN AMERICAN SUBSIDIARY IS SHOPPING AROUND FOR QUALITY BANK NOTE PAPER TO PRINT 500,000 TO 1 MILLION PASSPORTS. THE WAY IN WHICH THE SYRIAN FIRM IS HANDLING THIS REQUEST RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEGITIMACY OF THE END-USE.

2. HABIB HAKEN OF HADAYA AMERICAN, A SUBSIDIARY OF NAZIR HADAYA AND COMPANY (DARNISHISH STREET, P.O. BOX 868, DAMASCUS) HAS CONTACTED AMERICAN DISTRIBUTORS SEEKING HIGH QUALITY PAPER ALLEGEDLY FOR USE IN SYRIAN PASSPORTS. SYRIA PRESENTLY USES ENGLISH MANUFACTURED HOLLIN BANK NOTE PAPER. IN THE AMERICAN MARKET THIS HIGH QUALITY PAPER WOULD COST BETWEEN DOLS. 150,000 AND DOLS. 200,000 FOR 1/2 MILLION PASSPORTS.

3. THE PAPER DISTRIBUTOR WHO BROUGHT THIS SYRIAN REQUEST
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TO OUR ATTENTION IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BONAFIDES OF THE SYRIAN PURCHASER BECAUSE THE PURCHASER IS NOT TAKING THE STRICT SECURITY MEASURES WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT HANDLES THE PURCHASE OF SUCH PAPER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE EMBASSY CHECK THE BONA-

FIDES OF NAZIR HADAYA AND QUERY MFA AS TO WHETHER SARG
HAS LET A TENDER FOR PAPER TO PRINT PASSPORTS.
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